2. Action has already been initiated to fill up all the above vacancies and the proposals are at various stages of finalisation.

Proposal from Paradeep Port Trust for Moratorium on interest

1614. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received the proposal from Paradeep Port Trust for moratorium on interest on Capital debt; and

(b) is so, what decision Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Bomb explosion in a Train in Patna

1615. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a powerful bomb exploded in a passenger train between Fathua and Bankaghat railway station in Patna district on April, 23, 1990;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured in the explosion and the result of the inquiries made into the causes thereof ; and

(c) whether it was the second train accident in the State within a week after 94 persons were killed in a fire tragedy in the Mokamah-Danadar Shuttle near Fathua on Monday, a week earlier (i.e. April 16, 1990) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime in the trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of the State Governments. Necessary information for replying to the Question is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abetment to subversive activities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

1616. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has recently been a possibility of war from Pakistan and also their active abetment to subversive activities in Punjab and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to go ahead with the creation of a security belt along the border to put a restraint thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) It is a fact that Pakistan is abetting terrorism and subversive activities in Punjab and Kashmir and this has created tension between India and Pakistan. Government is taking the required measures to strengthen security arrangements along the border.